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1. DEPARTMENT AND FBIS ARE UNABLE TO FIND ANY EVIDENCE THAT PRC HAS RETREATED FROM ITS OPPOSITION TO RIGHT OF UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION WHICH WOULD BE OVERLAPPED BY A 12-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA (SUCH AS MALACCA). NCNA ENGLISH ON MAY 3 AND 13 REITERATED APPROVAL OF EFFORTS OF "SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED COUNTRIES" IN LOS CONFERENCE TO FRUSTRATE SUPERPOWER SCHEMES SUCH AS THE ASSERTION OF "FREEDOM OF THE HIGH SEAS" TO PERMIT TRANSIT OF STRAITS WITHIN TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH FONMIN THAT PRC ATTITUDE TOWARD DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION HAS COME ABOUT AS CLOSE TO APPROVAL AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN BASIC PRINCIPLE OF OPPOSITION TO OVERSEAS BASES AND "SUPERPOWER HEGEMONISM." MOST STRIKING PUBLIC EVIDENCE IS JULY30 NCNA ENGLISH REPORT ON CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF EXPANSION PLANS. AFTER PRO FORMA

NOTE THAT THE MOVE DEMONSTRATES INTENSIFYING US-USSR RIVALRY IN INDIAN OCEAN, NCNA PORTRAYED TREMENDOUS EXPANSION OF SOVIET POWER IN THE AREA AS "GRAVELY THREATENING" THE SECURITY OF THE COASTAL COUNTRIES. IT THEN SUMMARIZED WITHOUT COMMENT HISTORY OF US PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA FACILITY, IMPLYING THAT THE BUILDUP IS A NECESSARY RESPONSE TO SOVIET CHALLENGE. SISCO

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